

Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY

DATE: December 18, 2007

Agenda Item No. 12(B)1

TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

FROM: George M. Burgess
County Manager

SUBJECT: Report of Proposed Expenditures for the Law Enforcement Trust Fund

The Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETf) consists of seized monies and the proceeds from the sale of certain forfeited property received from both Federal Asset Sharing and State Forfeiture Proceeds. The LETf for Miami-Dade County was established by the Board of County Commissioners and must be used for law enforcement purposes which are not budgeted. Allowable purposes may include: to defray costs of protracted or complex investigations; to provide additional technical equipment or expertise; to provide matching funds to obtain federal grants; or for other law enforcement purposes. The funds are administered in compliance with Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD) policies, statutory requirements and federal guidelines.

The allocation of LETf funds adheres to a process as part of the MDPD standard operating procedures. Department entities submit LETf Project requests to the MDPD Assistant Director and LETf Committee Chairperson. The requests are reviewed by personnel in the Fiscal and Planning Bureau to ensure compliance with LETf requirements. The LETf Committee, comprised of the Assistant Directors of the MDPD, reviews those requests which meet program requirements and recommends selected projects for funding. The recommendations are reviewed by the Police Legal Bureau for legal sufficiency and a fiscal report is prepared by the Fiscal and Planning Bureau. The package is approved by the Director prior to the report being presented to the Board of County Commissioners.

PROPOSED ASSET SHARING EXPENDITURES (Law Enforcement Trust Fund)

The National Law Enforcement Museum


\$25,000

These funds will support the development of a national museum, the National Law Enforcement Museum. The co-chairs of this initiative are former Presidents Bill Clinton and George H. W. Bush. The museum efforts also involve the leadership of seven (7) past Attorney Generals. The National Law Enforcement Museum is an \$80 million national public/private project. To date, over \$32 million has been donated by law enforcement, corporations, individuals and foundations. The museum will be located in our nation's capital, Washington, D.C., across from the National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial. The Museum is designed to showcase police work and the history of American law enforcement. It's primary purpose is to educate the American public about the challenges our law enforcement officers face daily, preserve historical artifacts, and give law enforcement officers the opportunity to create a personal recorded testimony of their experiences protecting and serving the public. Also, it will serve as a research repository for law enforcement safety. At the local level, the Miami-Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police members have agreed to support the development of the National Law Enforcement Museum. Support is to be provided through member agencies Law Enforcement Trust Funds. The Miami-Dade Police Department will be participating in the local support of this national initiative. This expenditure will be funded by State Asset Sharing Funds (*Other Law Enforcement Purposes*).

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

PROPOSED STATE ASSET SHARING EXPENDITURES	\$ 25,000
Total Recommended Amount	\$ 25,000

I, Robert Parker, Director of the Miami-Dade Police Department, do hereby certify that the
aforementioned request for expenditures from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund complies
with the provision of Section 932.7055, Florida Statutes and applicable guidelines related to
equitable sharing of federal assets.



ROBERT PARKER
Director

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